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## **FULTON MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Fulton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing firearms.

**Lionel Shaunta Gurley**, 27, of Fulton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On March 7, 2005, **Gurley** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of firearms. **Gurley** admitted that he was in possession of firearms and ammunition that were found at his residence. Fulton police officers, while searching the basement of **Gurley's** residence on Feb. 6, 2004, discovered a loaded .38-caliber revolver under the couch and a Ruger 10/22 rifle in a small book shelf, as well as ammunition found in several locations. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Gurley** has a prior criminal felony conviction for aggravated sexual assault in Lake County, Ill.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Fulton, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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